

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 472**

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**Introduced by Committee on Agriculture (Parra (Chair), La Malfa (Vice Chair), Berryhill, Dymally, Fuller, Galgiani, Jones, and Mendoza)**

February 20, 2007

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An act to amend Sections 20751, 20752, 20754, 20755, 20756, 20757, 20758, 21563, and 21563.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to cattle brands, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 472, as introduced, Committee on Agriculture. Cattle brands: fees.

Existing law establishes a system for recordation of cattle brands, and establishes various fees in connection with the recordation, and use of a brand, as specified. Existing law requires these fees to be deposited in the Food and Agriculture Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would increase various fees in connection with recordation and use of cattle brands.

By increasing the amount of fees deposited in a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 20751 of the Food and Agricultural Code  
2     is amended to read:

1     20751. The fee for each application for recording a brand is  
2  ~~fifty sixty dollars (\$50) (\$60).~~

3     SEC. 2. Section 20752 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
4 amended to read:

5     20752. The fee entitles the applicant to the recordation of one  
6 brand, one duplicate brand registration certificate, and the right to  
7 use the brand until the following April 1st. The fee for each  
8 additional duplicate is ~~seven ten dollars (\$7) (\$10).~~

9     SEC. 3. Section 20754 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
10 amended to read:

11     20754. Except as otherwise provided in Section 20755, the  
12 owner of a brand shall, on or before April 30th after its recordation,  
13 pay to the bureau a biennial period renewal fee of  ~~fifty sixty dollars~~  
14  ~~(\$50) (\$60)~~ for the right to continue to use the brand.

15     SEC. 4. Section 20755 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
16 amended to read:

17     20755. The owner of a recorded brand may, on or before April  
18 30th of any year, pay in advance to the bureau a sum which is a  
19 multiple of  ~~fifty sixty dollars (\$50) (\$60).~~ The payment entitles  
20 him or her to use the brand for a minimum of two years, but not  
21 to exceed 10 years, at the rate of  ~~twenty-five thirty dollars (\$25)~~  
22  ~~(\$30)~~ per year from and after April 1st of that year. If the advance  
23 payment is made, biennial renewals for the years within the period  
24 for which advance payment has been made are not required.

25     SEC. 5. Section 20756 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
26 amended to read:

27     20756. If the right to use a brand is suspended for failure to  
28 pay the renewal fee, it may be reinstated within one year from the  
29 date of suspension upon the payment of the biennial renewal fee  
30 of  ~~fifty sixty dollars (\$50) (\$60)~~ plus a twenty-five dollar (\$25)  
31 penalty fee.

32     SEC. 6. Section 20757 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
33 amended to read:

34     20757. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the fee for  
35 rerecording a forfeited or canceled brand shall be one hundred *and*  
36 *twenty* dollars  ~~(\$100) (\$120).~~ This amount shall accompany the  
37 application to rerecord.

38     (b) When a penalty has been paid pursuant to Section 20222,  
39 within 30 days of the date the application to rerecord is received

1 by the director, the fee to rerecord shall be ~~forty six~~ *sixty* dollars ~~( $\$50$ )~~  
2 ( $\$60$ ).

3 SEC. 7. Section 20758 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 20758. The fee for recording the transfer of a brand, including  
6 a new certificate, is ~~forty six~~ *sixty* dollars ~~( $\$50$ )~~ ( $\$60$ ).

7 SEC. 8. Section 21563 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
8 amended to read:

9 21563. Except as otherwise provided in this article, the fee  
10 shall be paid at the point of inspection and is one dollar and ~~twenty~~  
11 ~~forty-four~~ cents ~~( $\$1.20$ )~~ ( $\$1.44$ ) for each carcass or hide which is  
12 inspected.

13 SEC. 9. Section 21563.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
14 amended to read:

15 21563.5. The fee for the inspection of each carcass or hide  
16 shall be one dollar and ~~twenty~~ *forty-four* cents ~~( $\$1.20$ )~~ ( $\$1.44$ ) for  
17 each carcass and hide originating in those counties or geographical  
18 areas where a point-of-origin inspection is maintained pursuant to  
19 Article 4 (commencing with Section 21141) of Chapter 6.